Special category status to Assam

3048. DR. (SMT.) JOYASREE GOSWAMI MAHANTA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state whether Government are considering to give retrospective effect to Special category Status to Assam with effect from Ist April 1985 as requested by the Government of Assam?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE) : It has been decided to place this issue before the National Development Council for their consideration.

Amount sanctioned for Meghalaya for Annual Plan

3049. SHRI ONWARD L. NONGTDU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) What is the amount sanctioned by the Planning Commission for Meghalaya for the Annual Plan 1999-2000 and 2000-01;

(b) Whether the amount provided during this period;

(c) Whether the Meghalaya was provided lesser amount in comparison to the amount sanctioned to it, if so, the reasons therefore and;

(d) The steps being taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI ARUN SHORIE) : (a) The Planning Commission approved an outlay of Rs. 465.00 crore for the Annual Plan, 1999-2000 of Meghalaya. Outlay for the Annual Plan 2000-2001 is yet to be decided.

(b) to (d) The Annual Plan outlay of Rs. 465 crore for 1999-2000 was revised to Rs. 350 crore as proposed by the State Government.

Self Employment Schemes in Meghalaya

3050. SHRI ONWARD L. NONGTDU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the self employment schemes being implemented by Government of Meghalaya;